



CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY

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 9am - 5pm (Tuesday - Friday)
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FEBRUARY 2023

CDM Kampung-Ku

Know our faith: How do we know the bible is the word of God?

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions

For parishes—We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity, and welcome towards those most in need.

MASS OFFERINGS

Weekday mass offerings: at least 48 hours in advance.

Weekend mass offerings: before 12pm Wednesday

For online submissions, please email receipt & details* to masscdmgsara@gmail.com

(*names of departed souls, thanksgiving or special intentions)

Bank Acc: **Maybank #5073 9410 1910** or via **Touch N' Go**

Acc Name: **Church of Divine Mercy**

PARISH PRIEST SPEAKS ... *So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect—Matthew 5: 48*



"Be holy, be perfect." These terms are loaded with meaning, namely holiness, perfection. Today's readings invite us to reflect on these words. The reading from Leviticus reminds us that the Lord Himself is holy, which does not surprise us but then immediately concludes that since He is holy, we too must be holy, "Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy." Because we have no idea on our own how to be holy, the Lord gives us some fundamental principles not about pious behaviour in holy places, not about looking holy, but rather about what to avoid in our relationships with one another. We are told not to bear hatred for our brother or sister in our heart, not to take revenge, and to cherish no grudge against others. These dispositions begin in the heart and can lead to evil actions, which are certainly not holy. To help us combat the tendencies in our nature that obstruct our growth in holiness, the second reading reminds us that we are "the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in us." The Spirit of God is Love, the Divine Power who makes it possible for us to be holy as He is holy. This is God's desire for each one of us. The theme for this week puts it this way.

"God is holy and perfect, and we are called to participate in His holiness and perfection. Love take us up into the perfection of God." We become holy because God, who is holy, dwells within us. He perfects our hearts by healing our woundedness, purifying us and filling us with His divine love.

Jesus is today's Gospel challenges us to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. Pope Francis expresses in this week's Spiritual Reflection, "Having been loved by God, we are called to love in return for having been forgiven, we are called to forgive, having been touched by love, we are called to love without waiting for others to love first, having been saved graciously, we are called to seek no benefit from the good we do." This way of holiness, this life of love, is based on God's love, which is what makes it possible for us. Along the way, as we encounter all sorts of people, at times we fail to love, especially those whom we experience as our enemies. Failure, however, does not give us any excuse to give up trying. We need a renewal of grace, to be "recharged" with love from God, so that we can begin anew.

REFLECTION: *How do I strive to grow in holiness?*

When have I felt and experienced God's divine love?

What are the challenges I face to love and forgive others as God forgives me?

Prayers & Meditation

Tuesdays—Fridays at 3.00pm

Divine Mercy prayer group—church

Wed, 1 & 15 Mar at 8.30pm

English Christian Meditation —St. Faustina Hall

Thu, 2 Mar at 8.30pm

Chinese Meditation —3rd Floor RCIA Room

增强你的信仰， 与主建立更深层的关系

Wed, 8, 22 Mar at 8.15pm

CDM Charismatic Renewal Group —St. Faustina Hall

CDM Learning Center —2nd Floor Classrooms

Sundays, 19 Feb and 5, 19 & 26 Mar at 2.00pm

For primary school students struggling

in the 3Rs—Reading, Writing & Math.

Untuk murid sekolah rendah yang menghadapi kesukaran dalam 3M—Membaca, Menulis & Mengira.

Note: NO Catechism during the school holidays.

If you have children between 4 to 12 years old, sign them up for A Walk Through Lent—a Children's Camp to walk in deeper understanding of the Passion of Christ.

MASS & PRAYER TIMES	DAY	DESCRIPTION
		7th Sunday of Ordinary Time
DM Chaplet 8.30am	SUN	<i>Lev 19: 1-2, 17-18;</i>
Mass 9.00am	19 Feb	<i>102: 1-4, 8, 10, 12-13 1 Cor 3: 16-23 Mt 5: 38-48</i>
No Mass	MON 20 Feb	
Lauds 6.20am		
Mass (LIVE) 6.45am	TUE 21 Feb	St Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor
DM Chaplet 3.00pm		
Lauds 6.20am		
Mass (LIVE) 6.45am	WED 22 Feb	Ash Wednesday
DM Chaplet 8.00pm		
Mass 8.30pm		
Lauds 6.20am		
Mass (LIVE) 6.45am	THU 23 Feb	St Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr
DM Chaplet 3.00pm		
DM Chaplet 3.00pm	FRI 24 Feb	
WOTC (LIVE) 8.00pm followed by Mass		
Lauds 6.20am		
Mass (LIVE) 6.45am	SAT 25 Feb	
Novena to OMPH 5.15pm		
Mass 5.30pm		
		1st Sunday of Lent
		<i>Gen 2: 7-9; 3: 1-7 50: 3-6, 12-14, 17 Rom 5: 12-19 (or 12: 17-19) Mt 4: 1-11</i>
DM Chaplet 8.30am	SUN 26 Feb	
Mass 9.00am		

MASS ETIQUETTE:

Dress respectfully for Mass.

Be punctual and refrain from double parking.

Ensure your phones are on silent mode.

Please wear a face mask and sanitise your hands.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

The priest will be available at the Confessional Room half an hour before Mass on Saturdays and Sundays.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE 2023: Road to Emmaus 2.0

Limited to 35pax only!

Dates: **Sun, 26 Nov to Sat, 9 Dec** (14 days, 12 nights)

Spiritual Director: Fr. Michael Raymond OFM. Cap

Pilgrimage price: RM13,488/pax

Organised by JD Pelican Pilgrimage & Services PLT.

Contact: Johnny (012-481 1809) or Daina (012-402 2772)

PARISH/DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

A MEANINGFUL LENT

Take time to ponder and reflect using these Lenten links as you journey through this season of Lent.

<https://mydailyvisitor.com/len/>

<https://mycatholic.life/books/40-days-at-the-foot-of-the-cross/>

A WALK THROUGH LENT: A Children's Camp

Conducted by CDM CLOW team for children from 4-12 years old in preparation for Lent & Good Friday. Held on consecutive five (5) Sundays ending with the children animating the CLOW Good Friday service.

Dates/Times: **Sundays, 19 Feb to 19 Mar at 10.30am**
Sundays, 26 Mar & 2 Apr at 2.00pm

Link to register: <https://bit.ly/3wLYiMs>

Contact: Edmund (012-5631674) or Alicia (016-4411411)

AWAKEN: G.Y.M'S first gathering for 2023

Whoa, what's that?! Discover how God's Word applies in our lives alongside a like-minded community of youths.

Date/Time: **Thur, 23 Feb (7.30pm to 9.30pm)**

Venue: St. Faustina Hall

Contact: Agape (016-6441187) or IG @genesisyouthscdm

Friends of Creation Ministry is organising a hike up to

Emperor Villa to have (Pay Your Own) breakfast and ending with a litter-picking session on the way down.

Date/Time: **Tue, 28 Feb at 7.30am (ends around noon)**

Meet at the foothill at Jalan Kenari (Sg. Ara). Picking sticks will be distributed. Register by Tue, 21 Feb.

Contact: Magdalene (012-425 8423)

Menemui Kristus: Tanya, Cari, Ketuk

Ingin mengetahui lebih dalam tentang erti hidup anda atau ingin memperbaharui hubungan peribadi dengan Yesus?

Tarikh/Masa: **26th Feb—26th Mac (setiap hari Ahad)**

2.00ptg—5.00ptg

Bilik RCIA, Bangunan OIKOS, Katedral Roh Kudus, Greenlane

Pendaftaran: <https://bit.ly/3i6irKV>

Untuk maklumat lanjut: Byron (013--590 0232)

Bintin (012-425 9357)

Living Spring Ministry will be chartering a bus to the

Sacerdotal Ordination of Deacons Raymond Raj & Desmond Jansen on **Tue, 28 Mar** at the Minor Basilica of St. Anne during the Chrism Mass at 7.00pm. For those interested to join, fees will be **RM20/pax** and the bus will **depart CDM Penang at 4.45pm**. Light refreshments provided and dinner will be served at destination after Mass (est. 10pm).

Contact: Peter (012-452 1943) or Paul (016-458 4512).

CARITAS MALAYSIA: Relief Fund Appeal (5 Jan—22 Feb)

To respond to humanitarian crises, promote integral human development & advocate for causes against poverty and violence, we appeal to your good will to generously support our relief & efforts.

CARITAS MALAYSIA

Public Bank a/c: **3228 4090 36** (Jalan Hang Lekiu, 50100 KL)

Swift Code: **PBBEMYKL**

No tax exemptions are provided but if you wish to receive an e-receipt, email details to pauline@caritasmalaysia.net